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**IN THE
UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Gillis, et al.
CASE: DUR-021130
SERIAL NO.: 10/707,983
FILING DATE: January 29, 2004
FOR: Expandable Bore Trocar

**RESPONSE AND
AMENDMENT TO
OFFICE ACTION
DATED JUNE 13, 2006**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

ATTENTION OF:
Art Unit 3763
EXAMINER:
Paul Smith
CONFIRMATION NO.
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Dear Examiner Smith:

If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following communication, they may be paid out of our Deposit Account No. 50-0545.

The Applicant submits the following Reply to the Office Action mailed June 13, 2006.
Please consider the following amendments and remarks toward reconsideration and passage to allowance.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendment to the Drawings begin on page 5 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 9 of this paper.

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